

**BELIZE**

**No. HR37/1/12**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

10:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Prayers.
3. Announcements by the Speaker.
13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitings of the House.
14. Public Business.

A. Government Business

I **MOTION** *(For Text of Motion see  
Notice Paper attached)*

1. Extending the Period of Public Emergency in the Country of Belize Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General on April 1, 2020, Motion, 2020.

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

*(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)*

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**NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

**MOTION**

1. **Extending the Period of Public Emergency in the Country of Belize Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General on April 1, 2020, Motion, 2020.**

**Notice given on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, section 18 (2) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Governor-General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the *Gazette*, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Part II of the Constitution;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 18 (3) of the Belize Constitution provides that, in order to have effect, the proclamation must contain a declaration of the Governor-General that he is satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the outbreak of infectious disease;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 18 (4) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made under section 18 (2) may be made so as to apply only to such part of Belize as may be specified in the proclamation;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 18 (5) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made by the Governor-General for the purposes of and in accordance with section 18 of the Constitution shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month; but may be extended from time to time by a resolution passed by the National Assembly for further periods, not exceeding in respect of each such extension a period of twelve months; and may be revoked at any time by a resolution of the National Assembly;

**AND WHEREAS**, having been satisfied that a public emergency had arisen in the entire country of Belize as a result of the outbreak of the infectious disease known as COVID-19, the Governor-General, by Proclamation made on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2020, by Statutory Instrument No. 45 of 2020, declared that a state of public emergency exists in the entire country of Belize and that the Proclamation shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month, or such longer period, not exceeding twelve months, as may be determined by resolution passed by the National Assembly;

**AND WHEREAS**, recognizing that the period of public emergency shall expire at the end of day on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 and being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the entire country of Belize as a result of the outbreak of the infectious disease known as COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House, being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the entire country of Belize as a result of the outbreak of the infectious disease known as COVID-19, hereby extends the period of public emergency in the country of Belize for a further period of two months.

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

*(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)*